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INTERNATIONAL DRY PEA TRADE

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IN 1963 SIMILAR TO PREVIOUS YEAR

International trade in dry peas of 18 reporting countries totaled 5.6 million bags of imports and 5.1 million bags of exports in the calendar year 1963. This was not much different from the international trade reported by these same countries in 1962. It is 25 to 30 percent more than the average of their trade in 1955-59.

Excluded from the above is trade of non-reporting Communist and many small trading countries. This unreported trade could be substantial. For example, the United Kingdom and Germany, the world's two largest pea importers, imported about 600,000 bags of peas from such non-reporting exporters as New Zealand, Australia, Communist East Europe, Africa, and India. This 600,000 bags should be added to the total exports in the table.

The United States, the world's largest exporter, sent 13 percent of its total 1963-64 exports to areas which do not report their international trade. These include 33 small importing countries in the Caribbean, Central America, Africa, and Asia. Together, these 33 countries took approximately 300,000 bags out of a total U.S. export of 2,400,000 bags in that marketing year. This 300,000 bags should be added to the total imports in the table.

Of the 5.6 million bags of imports reported by the 18 countries in 1963, 50 percent were taken by the United Kingdom and Germany. The largest of the other dozen reporting importers was the Netherlands, with imports of 517,000 bags. These probably were for re-export as Dutch traders normally engage in this type of business. The Netherlands also is the world's second largest exporter of peas grown domestically.

Of the 5.1 million bags of exports reported by the 18 countries, 75 percent were provided by the United States and the Netherlands. The largest of the other 8 reporting exporters was Belgium which supplied 457,000 bags in 1963. Belgium also is a sizable exporter of peas imported.

FEAS: Destinations of exports from major exporting countries, 1963

Destination	United States	Netherlands	Belgium
	1,000 bags	Percent of total	Percent of total
United Kingdom	865	36.6	8.3
West Germany	299	12.7	18.2
Venezuela	291	12.3	--
Netherlands	148	6.3	56.5
Canada	146	6.2	--
Other	614	25.9	17.0
Total	2,363	100.0	100.0

FEAS: Source of imports of major importing countries in 1963

Source	United States	Germany	Netherlands
	1,000 bags	Percent of total	Percent of total
United States	857	46.9	8.3
Netherlands	398	21.8	--
New Zealand	177	9.7	--
Australia	87	4.8	--
Canada	65	3.6	--
Belgium-Luxembourg .:	--	9.3	48.9
Morocco	--	5.3	18.6
Other	244	13.2	24.2
- Total	1,828	100.0	100.0

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PEAS, DRY EDIBLE: International trade, average 1955-59, annual 1961-1963

Continent and country	Average 1955-59		1961		1962		1963	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	1,000 bags 1/	1,000 bags 1/	1,000 bags 1/	1,000 bags 1/	1,000 bags 1/	1,000 bags 1/	1,000 bags 1/	1,000 bags 1/
North America:								
Canada	212	51	122	24	172	46	124	130
United States	1,119	57	1,545	75	2,310	34	2,363	19
Total	1,331	108	1,667	99	2,482	80	2,487	149
South America:								
Argentina	52	--	32	--	172	--	85	--
Brazil	--	79	--	104	--	145	--	88
Chile	16	--	--	--	9	--	34	--
Colombia	--	6	--	22	--	--	--	--
Venezuela	--	81	--	265	--	243	--	223
Total	68	166	32	391	181	388	119	311
Europe:								
Belgium-Luxembourg	320	228	259	243	577	380	457	362
France	82	294	73	209	288	277	137	433
Germany, West	--	1,137	--	1,163	27	1,337	98	1,042
Italy	--	90	--	121	--	236	--	258
Netherlands	1,634	452	1,592	286	1,738	910	1,416	517
Sweden	75	13	12	75	4	76	5	78
Switzerland	--	82	--	108	--	149	--	195
United Kingdom	--	1,538	--	1,374	--	1,935	--	1,828
Total	2,111	3,834	1,936	3,579	2,634	5,300	2,113	4,713
Asia:								
Japan	--	79	--	88	--	144	--	233
Malaysia	--	329	--	157	--	90	--	202
Total	--	408	--	245	--	234	--	435
Africa:								
Morocco	402	--	294	--	529	--	334	--
Grand total	3,912	4,516	3,929	4,314	5,826	6,002	5,053	5,608
1/ 100 pound bags.								

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